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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES - DECEMBER QUARTER, 1964

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes, involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more, for the quarter ended 31st December, 1964, and for the twelve months ended 31st December, 1964.

Table 1 shows a summary of disputes for Australia since 1947; Tables 2 and 3 details of disputes in industry groups for each State and Australia; Table 4 a summary of disputes in each State in recent years; and Tables 5 to 7 statistics of Causes, Duration and Methods of Settlement for the year 1964.

TABLE 1. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers Involved			Working Days Lost		Estimated loss in Wages (£'000)
		Directly	Indirectly (b)	Total	Number	Average per worker Involved	
1947	982	280,718	46,419	327,137	1,338,728	4.09	1,898
1948	1,141	301,025	16,124	317,149	1,662,686	5.24	2,299
1949	849	260,720	3,857	264,577	1,333,990	5.04	2,612
1950	1,276	391,481	40,220	431,701	2,062,888	4.78	4,166
1951	1,344	380,421	28,171	408,592	872,974	2.14	2,256
1952	1,627	488,178	17,556	505,734	1,163,504	2.30	3,440
1953	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	2.12	3,337
1954	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	2.44	3,021
1955	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,010,884	2.27	3,310
1956	1,306	414,590	13,393	427,983	1,121,383	2.62	3,967
1957	1,103	325,995	11,048	337,043	630,213	1.87	2,309
1958	987	275,573	7,276	282,849	439,890	1.56	1,591
1959	869	229,469	8,002	237,471	365,039	1.54	1,377
1960	1,145	592,053	11,226	603,279	725,107	1.20	2,927
1961	815	288,526	11,831	300,357	606,811	2.02	2,724
1962	1,183	330,823	23,030	353,853	508,755	1.44	2,122
1963	1,250	398,567	14,141	412,708	581,568	1.41	2,496
1964	1,334	528,817	16,811	545,628	911,358	1.67	4,280
1963 -Dec. Qtr.	315	137,632	1,507	139,139	196,388	1.41	814
1964 -March "	313	127,364	3,257	130,621	154,319	1.18	648
June "	331	152,272	5,110	157,382	195,901	1.25	870
Sept. "	401	161,333	3,995	165,328	179,613	1.09	855
Dec. "	289	87,848	4,449	92,297	381,525	4.13	1,907

- (a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.  
(b) Persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppage occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.



TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1964 (b)

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	29	..	6	..	..	..	35
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	65	14	4	3	1	1	88
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Food, Drink and Tobacco	5	3	4	1	1	..	15
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Other Manufacturing	16	1	..	..	..	..	17
Building and Construction	22	4	6	2	2	1	38
Railway and Tramway Services	3	..	..	..	1	..	4
Road and Air Transport	6	1	..	..	1	..	8
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	28	20	18	3	2	1	74
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Other Industries (d)	1	1	2	..	..	..	4
<u>Total</u>	178	44	43	9	8	3	289

## WORKERS INVOLVED (e)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	4,500	..	569	..	..	..	5,069
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	1,821	..	..	..	1,821
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	15,706	4,752	805	3,678	254	32	25,227
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	1,151	..	..	..	..	..	1,151
Food, Drink and Tobacco	1,505	676	472	720	30	..	3,429
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	60	..	..	..	..	..	60
Other Manufacturing	4,095	69	..	..	..	..	4,164
Building and Construction	3,447	947	2,122	263	211	40	7,060
Railway and Tramway Services	1,103	..	..	..	1,494	..	2,597
Road and Air Transport	12,949	120	..	..	600	..	13,669
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	7,851	9,600	5,216	2,988	143	332	26,360
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	..	..	39	..	..	..	39
Other Industries (d)	19	1,392	240	..	..	..	1,651
<u>Total</u>	52,386	17,556	11,284	7,649	2,732	404	92,297

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) In respect of disputes which commenced in the previous quarter, this table includes all "Working Days Lost" and the total "Estimated Loss in Wages" during the current quarter. However, only workers additional to those involved in the previous quarter are included in "Workers Involved".

(c) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

For footnotes (d) and (e) see page 3.



TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1964 (b) - continued

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
WORKING DAYS LOST							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	3,043	..	676	..	..	..	3,719
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	20,126	..	..	..	20,126
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	31,214	154,544	5,009	50,710	220	32	241,729
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	6,360	..	..	..	..	..	6,360
Food, Drink and Tobacco	1,538	4,448	3,654	120	30	..	9,823
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	90	..	..	..	..	..	90
Other Manufacturing	10,028	39	..	..	..	..	10,067
Building and Construction	12,549	1,103	1,261	83	196	204	15,441
Railway and Tramway Services	1,944	..	..	..	2,250	..	4,194
Road and Air Transport	41,305	120	..	..	280	..	41,705
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	6,321	11,429	5,385	1,713	61	342	25,396
Amusements, Hotels, Personal Services, etc.	..	..	39	..	..	..	39
Other Industries (d)	96	508	2,232	..	..	..	2,836
<u>Total</u>	114,488	172,191	38,382	52,626	3,037	578	381,525

## ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (£'000)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	14.4	..	3.3	..	..	..	17.7
Other Mining and Quarrying	..	..	133.6	..	..	..	133.6
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	146.7	784.6	23.4	236.6	0.7	0.1	1,192.1
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	24.4	..	..	..	..	..	24.4
Food, Drink and Tobacco	5.6	21.8	19.8	0.5	0.1	..	48.0
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, Printing, etc.	0.4	..	..	..	..	..	0.4
Other Manufacturing	52.8	0.2	..	..	..	..	53.0
Building and Construction	67.6	5.4	6.0	0.4	0.8	1.0	81.4
Railway and Tramway Services	8.3	..	..	..	10.5	..	18.8
Road and Air Transport	196.2	0.5	..	..	1.1	..	197.8
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	32.2	57.8	27.4	8.7	0.3	1.8	128.9
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	..	..	0.2	..	..	..	0.2
Other Industries (d)	0.5	2.0	8.4	..	..	..	10.9
<u>Total</u>	549.1	872.3	222.1	246.2	13.5	2.9	1,907.2

For footnotes (a), (b) and (c) see page 2.

(d) Includes Communications; Finance and Property; Wholesale and Retail Trade; Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services.

(e) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e., persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppage occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.



TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1964

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES (c)							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	191	..	32	..	..	..	223
Other Mining and Quarrying	2	..	5	..	..	..	7
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	263	58	23	22	5	2	373
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Food, Drink and Tobacco	27	11	45	4	3	..	94
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Paper, Printing, etc.	7	2	..	..	..	..	9
Other Manufacturing	61	25	2	7	..	1	96
Building and Construction	83	24	18	4	5	1	140
Railway and Tramway Services	8	5	6	..	1	..	20
Road and Air Transport	19	2	1	1	1	..	24
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	151	72	60	16	10	4	317
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	6	1	1	..	..	..	8
Other Industries (d)	6	6	5	..	1	..	18
<u>Total</u>	828	206	198	55	26	8	1,334

WORKERS INVOLVED (e)							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	33,234	210	1,870	..	..	..	35,314
Other Mining and Quarrying	1,723	..	7,361	..	..	..	9,084
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	67,069	55,960	22,770	8,632	497	51	155,479
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	2,227	..	..	..	..	..	2,227
Food, Drink and Tobacco	11,370	3,135	13,535	1,107	146	..	29,456
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	258	..	..	258
Paper, Printing, etc.	634	449	..	..	..	..	1,083
Other Manufacturing	10,850	17,431	123	749	..	822	29,975
Building and Construction	13,488	14,585	11,303	322	636	40	41,393
Railway and Tramway Services	1,282	44,382	8,484	..	1,494	..	55,642
Road and Air Transport	21,450	131	67	12	600	..	22,560
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	63,115	46,408	24,012	11,960	2,507	985	149,483
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	283	23	39	..	..	..	545
Other Industries (d)	2,351	7,361	3,132	..	285	..	13,129
<u>Total</u>	229,076	190,075	92,696	23,040	6,165	1,898	545,628

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) An industrial dispute involving workers in more than one industry group in a State is counted once only in the statistics of "Number of Disputes". In such a case it is included in the industry group which had the largest number of workers involved. Figures of "Workers Involved", "Working Days Lost" and "Estimated Loss in Wages" are allocated to their respective industry groups.

For footnotes (d) and (e) see page 5.



TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : INDUSTRY GROUPS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1964 - continued

Industry Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
WORKING DAYS LOST							
Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	31,519	210	2,532	..	..	..	34,261
Other Mining and Quarrying	5,400	..	25,666	..	..	..	31,066
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	87,449	202,429	30,316	54,803	1,438	64	376,564
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	7,977	..	..	..	..	..	7,977
Food, Drink and Tobacco	26,256	8,711	57,183	464	146	..	92,950
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	60	..	..	60
Paper, Printing, etc.	1,008	1,080	..	..	..	..	2,088
Other Manufacturing	21,726	25,336	100	1,287	..	822	49,271
Building and Construction	35,448	22,981	7,670	123	1,349	204	68,882
Railway and Tramway Services	2,206	45,000	13,739	..	2,250	..	63,195
Road and Air Transport	53,264	164	265	60	280	..	54,073
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	39,835	49,374	15,547	5,988	1,625	849	113,556
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Services, etc.	499	265	39	..	..	..	843
Other Industries (d)	7,981	4,017	4,514	..	60	..	16,572
<u>Total</u>	320,568	359,567	157,571	62,785	7,148	1,939	911,358

## ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (£'000)

Agriculture, Grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal Mining	152.7	1.6	12.8	..	..	..	167.1
Other Mining and Quarrying	40.9	..	160.7	..	..	..	201.6
Engineering, Metals, Vehicles, etc.	393.3	1,014.7	128.0	253.9	5.4	0.3	1,795.9
Textiles, Clothing and Footwear	31.9	..	..	..	..	..	31.9
Food, Drink and Tobacco	98.1	39.0	238.3	1.5	0.6	..	378.4
Sawmilling, Furniture, etc.	..	..	..	0.2	..	..	0.2
Paper, Printing, etc.	5.4	3.8	..	..	..	..	9.2
Other Manufacturing	103.6	114.7	0.5	6.2	..	3.4	228.4
Building and Construction	178.4	101.7	33.5	0.6	6.0	1.0	326.6
Railway and Tramway Services	9.1	174.8	56.5	..	10.5	..	250.9
Road and Air Transport	252.6	0.7	1.1	0.3	1.1	..	256.0
Shipping	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stevedoring	197.2	245.7	78.2	29.9	7.7	4.3	564.7
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service, etc.	2.5	1.1	0.2	..	..	..	4.0
Other Industries (d)	32.4	16.2	16.9	..	..	..	65.5
<u>Total</u>	1,498.1	1,714.0	726.7	292.6	31.3	9.0	4,280.4

For footnotes (a), (b), and (c) see page 4.

(d) Includes Communications; Finance and Property; Wholesale and Retail Trade; Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Community and Business Services.

(e) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e., persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppage occurred, but not themselves parties to the dispute.



TABLE 4. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : STATES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (b)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
1960	736	98	173	42	43	40	1,145
1961	529	91	123	26	22	14	815
1962	752	166	175	31	28	18	1,183
1963	817	180	160	35	28	11	1,250
1964	828	206	198	55	26	8	1,334
1963 - Dec. Qtr.	200	56	33	8	13	2	315
1964 - March "	195	46	51	18	1	2	313
June "	204	54	47	12	10	1	331
Sept. "	251	62	57	16	7	2	401
Dec. "	178	44	43	9	8	3	289
WORKERS INVOLVED (c)							
1960	296,912	86,004	158,639	25,747	25,684	9,142	603,279
1961	136,956	52,747	78,240	17,333	9,687	4,661	300,357
1962	208,967	73,245	41,766	11,848	8,363	5,126	353,853
1963	218,976	87,978	44,313	12,045	42,584	5,019	412,708
1964	229,076	190,075	92,696	23,040	6,165	1,898	545,628
1963 - Dec. Qtr.	70,350	27,641	5,416	1,146	33,717	576	139,139
1964 - March "	63,247	42,708	17,808	6,751	45	62	130,621
June "	53,112	69,734	25,844	4,157	2,582	131	157,382
Sept. "	60,331	60,077	37,760	4,483	806	1,301	165,328
Dec. "	52,386	17,556	11,284	7,649	2,732	404	92,297
WORKING DAYS LOST							
1960	416,762	102,805	153,061	16,568	27,342	6,991	725,107
1961	318,629	72,471	168,958	17,256	23,233	4,622	606,811
1962	303,400	100,606	75,951	14,599	6,300	3,993	508,755
1963	307,440	172,963	54,861	8,957	31,969	2,933	581,568
1964	320,568	359,567	157,571	62,785	7,148	1,939	911,358
1963 - Dec. Qtr.	95,409	66,974	8,230	1,658	23,527	320	196,388
1964 - March "	72,422	48,137	29,651	3,993	73	43	154,319
June "	67,274	83,239	38,173	2,788	3,760	66	195,901
Sept. "	66,384	56,000	51,365	3,378	278	1,252	179,613
Dec. "	114,488	172,191	38,382	52,626	3,037	578	381,525

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.

(b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.



TABLE 5. - CAUSES OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1964

Cause of Dispute (b)	Coal-Mining	Stevedoring	Other Industries	All Industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
Wages, Hours and Leave	7	28	285	320
Physical Working Conditions and Managerial Policy	114	258	386	758
Trade Unionism	28	16	92	136
Other	74	15	31	120
<u>Total:</u>	223	317	794	1,334
WORKERS INVOLVED (c)				
Wages, Hours and Leave	907	19,907	215,032	235,846
Physical Working Conditions and Managerial Policy	14,133	91,159	86,062	191,354
Trade Unionism	4,670	5,210	21,790	31,670
Other	15,604	33,207	37,947	86,758
<u>Total:</u>	35,314	149,483	360,831	545,628
WORKING DAYS LOST				
Wages, Hours and Leave	1,133	8,628	547,187	556,948
Physical Working Conditions and Managerial Policy	17,643	69,677	169,742	257,062
Trade Unionism	5,701	2,631	25,060	33,392
Other	9,784	32,620	21,552	63,956
<u>Total:</u>	34,261	113,556	763,541	911,358

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TABLE 6. - DURATION OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1964

Duration (Working Days)	Coal-Mining	Stevedoring	Other Industries	All Industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
1 day and less	166	229	360	755
2 days and more than 1 day	29	61	143	233
3 days and more than 2 days	13	18	109	140
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	13	9	73	95
5 days and less than 10 days	2	..	74	76
10 days and less than 20 days	..	..	26	26
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	7	7
40 days and over	..	..	2	2
<u>Total:</u>	223	317	794	1,334
WORKERS INVOLVED (c)				
1 day and less	23,590	119,849	247,304	390,743
2 days and more than 1 day	8,367	28,047	40,499	76,913
3 days and more than 2 days	1,743	1,160	23,083	25,986
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	1,426	427	22,543	24,396
5 days and less than 10 days	188	..	11,627	11,815
10 days and less than 20 days	..	..	7,005	7,005
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	8,663	8,663
40 days and over	..	..	107	107
<u>Total:</u>	35,314	149,483	360,831	545,628
WORKING DAYS LOST				
1 day and less	11,598	66,615	199,327	277,540
2 days and more than 1 day	11,615	42,411	62,783	116,809
3 days and more than 2 days	4,601	2,881	58,400	65,882
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	5,041	1,649	77,483	84,173
5 days and less than 10 days	1,406	..	75,691	77,097
10 days and less than 20 days	..	..	92,796	92,796
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	191,790	191,790
40 days and over	..	..	5,271	5,271
<u>Total:</u>	34,261	113,556	763,541	911,358

For footnotes see Table 7 next page.

TABLE 7. - METHODS OF SETTLEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (a) : AUSTRALIA, 1964

Method of Settlement (b)	Coal-Mining	Stevedoring	Other Industries	All Industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
By private negotiation	34	8	207	249
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	..	2	113	115
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation-				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	3	107	110
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	14	..	..	14
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	11	..	11
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	1	156	..	157
By resumption without negotiation	174	137	366	677
Total (d):	223	317	793	1,333

## WORKERS INVOLVED (c)

By private negotiation	2,860	728	45,220	48,808
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	..	43	36,898	36,941
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation-				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	190	15,510	15,700
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	1,214	..	..	1,214
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	1,511	..	1,511
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	23	18,576	..	18,599
By resumption without negotiation	31,217	128,435	261,429	421,081
Total (d) :	35,314	149,483	359,057	543,854

## WORKING DAYS LOST

By private negotiation	4,787	272	288,591	293,650
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	..	..
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	..	57	104,733	104,790
(b) By reference to State Government officials	..	..	..	..
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation-				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	583	58,590	59,173
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	4,061	..	..	4,061
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	1,329	..	1,329
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	42	15,294	..	15,336
By resumption without negotiation	25,371	96,021	291,651	413,043
Total (d) :	34,261	113,556	743,565	891,382

(a) Refers only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more.  
 (b) For nature of classification see pages 160-162 of Labour Report No. 49, 1961.  
 (c) Includes workers indirectly involved, i.e. persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (d) Differences between the total figures of this table and the corresponding totals of other tables are due to disputes which were incomplete at the end of the year.

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